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TO: All News Media

FROM: Fire Prevention and Inspection Division

RE: "CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES"

As daylight savings fast approaches in the early morning hours of Sunday, November 2, the Eau Claire Fire Department wants to **remind residents to make another change that could save lives – changing the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.**

Approximately two-thirds of home fire deaths result from fires in homes without working smoke alarms. Eighty percent of child fire fatalities occur in homes without working smoke alarms.

Changing smoke alarm batteries twice a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce tragic fire-related deaths and injuries. The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms is worn or missing batteries. It also is recommended to replace smoke alarms every 10 years due to decreased sensitivity.

To save lives and prevent needless injuries in the Eau Claire community, the Eau Claire Fire Department recommends everyone adopt a simple, lifesaving habit: changing smoke alarm batteries when changing clocks twice a year and also testing them monthly.

If you have any questions in reference to this information, please contact the Eau Claire Fire Department Inspection Division at 839-4825.